

OPINION 958

CYRTOPELTIS TENUIS REUTER, 1895 (INSECTA, HEMIPTERA):
VALIDATED UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *tamaricis* Puton, 1886, as published in the binomen *Dicyphus tamaricis*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy.

(2) The specific name *tenuis* Reuter, 1895, as published in the binomen *Cyrtopeltis tenuis*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2444.

(3) The specific name *tamaricis* Puton, 1886, as published in the binomen *Dicyphus tamaricis* (as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above) is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 964.

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1864)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission by Dr. Eduard Wagner in November 1968. Dr. Wagner's application was sent to the printer on 22 November 1968 and was published on 28 February 1969 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **25** : 234. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **21** : 184) and to seven entomological serials. No comment was received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 13 August 1970 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (70)27 either for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **25** : 234. At the close of the prescribed voting period on 13 November 1970 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—fourteen (14), received in the following order: Melville, Eisenmann, Vokes, Tortonese, Holthuis, Jaczewski, Obruchev, Binder, Lemche, Mayr, Bonnet, Starobogatov, Kraus, Alvarado.

Negative votes—one (1): Sabrosky.

On Leave of Absence—one (1): Forest.

Voting Papers not returned—two (2): Munroe, Ride.

Prof. Brinck returned a late affirmative vote. Prof. Simpson did not vote, making the following comment: "As Art. 23b is in effect, use of plenary powers is not required. We should vote, if at all, only for or against putting *tamaricis* Puton on the Official Index of Rejected Names. In any case it cannot correctly be used."

The following comments were received from other Commissioners:

Prof. P. Brinck: "I vote for the proposal because it would cause much confusion in applied entomology to change the specific names. On the other hand,

I am not prepared to regard *tamaricis* Puton as a nomen oblitum, as things stand. In poorly revised groups there would be too many of them, if we apply Wagner's way of looking at it."

Dr. C. W. Sabrosky: "I am not convinced that this name is as important, or the literature as numerous or as consistent, as the applicant's sweeping statements would have us believe. In 55 volumes of the Review of Applied Entomology, Series A (Agricultural) (1913-68; 1966 volume unavailable to me), *tenuis* was recorded for only 22 papers (11 as *Cyrtopeltis*, 11 as *Engytatus*), with 19 of these 1926-41. Before 1926 the species was known as *Gallobellicus nicotianae* or *Dicyphus nicotianae* Koningsberger, or under the now synonymous name *Dicyphus nocivus* Fulmek. The combination *Cyrtopeltis tenuis* was first recorded in 1934. In the most recent quarter century 1942-68, only three papers were recorded as using *tenuis* in any combination. Is this an impressively important species for whose name Commission action is desirable?"

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for names placed on the Official List and Index by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

tamaricis, *Dicyphus*, Puton, 1886, *Exp. Sci. Tunis.*: 19

tenuis, *Cyrtopeltis*, Reuter, 1895, *Rev. Ent. Fr.* 14 : 139.

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (70)27 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 958.

R. V. MELVILLE
Secretary

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